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Jefferson City, March 23, 1896.
To the Ed. COURIER:—The malignant and unprovoked personal attacks the St. Louis *Republic* is daily making on me is my excuse for addressing this letter to you, which I ask you to do me the kindness to publish. I can not, of course, enter into a vituperative controversy with the *Republic*, adopt the vernacular of the slums and compete with it in the low art of compiling epithets. I desire only to make a plain statement of one or two important facts for the consideration of those of your readers who see the matutinal diatribes of the *Republic*. I am reluctant to do even this, but I feel that I am warranted in doing it as an act of simple justice to myself.

I think the public very well understands that these attacks on me are immediately due to the active interest I have taken in the work of organizing the Democrats of this and other states who favor free bimetallic coinage. In one of its recent editorials the *Republic* said in substance, that I owe my promotion to the Democratic party, and that I ought to show my appreciation of favors conferred by doing something for the party. I agree to that. And I maintain that I am not only endeavoring to serve the party in my efforts, made in conjunction with others, to organize the free coinage forces, but that I am acting directly under party authority and in obedience to the party behest. Let us see if that is not true. Last summer a Democratic state convention was held at Pertle Springs. That convention was called by the state committee upon the request of a majority of county committees. It was called for the purpose of giving expression to the views of the Missouri Democracy on questions relating to the coinage and currency. It was composed of some 600 delegates, representing every county and ward in the state but two, and was conceded to be one of the most representative bodies ever assembled in the state. It was a regular Democratic convention, authorized to speak for the party. Even the *Republic* has heretofore conceded that.

A short time prior to the assembling of the Pertle Springs convention, U. S. Senators Harris, Turpie and Jones had called a national conference of free coinage Democrats to meet at Washington City at a date some two weeks subsequent to the Pertle Springs convention. The object of that conference was to inaugurate a movement for the organization of free coinage Democrats throughout the country with the view of controlling the next national convention in the formation of a platform and the nomination of a presidential candidate favorable to the policy of free silver coinage. Now at the Pertle Springs convention the committee on resolutions reported, and the convention unanimously adopted a resolution approving and indorsing the forthcoming Washington conference to which I have alluded, and directing the chairman, Mr. Bland, to appoint delegates thereto to represent the Democracy of this state. Mr. Bland informed the convention that he would select the delegates at an early day and notify them. In a few days Mr. Bland wrote me from Lebanon that he had named me as one of the delegates, and he urged me to attend the conference. I neither sought nor desired this appointment. It came wholly unsolicited, as Mr. Bland can testify. At great personal inconvenience I went to Washington with eight or ten other delegates, who had been appointed by Mr. Bland. At that conference twenty-seven states were represented, as I now recall it. My colleagues from Missouri designated me

From the foregoing it will be seen that whatever work I have done to effect an organization of the free coinage Democrats, I have done directly under the authority of a state Democratic convention, and a national Democratic conference, which had the indorsement of the state convention, and to which that convention sent me as a delegate. The *Republic* says I should do something to serve the party. That is what I am doing, and I am doing it along the very lines marked out by the party in this state, and under the direct authority of its commission. For doing this arduous and difficult work, which was assigned to me against my wish, the *Republic* as

over the State have made personal allusions to men. This has been done by papers representing all shades of opinion. But I do not own any newspaper, nor a farthing's interest in one. I sustain friendly personal relations with a number of editors, but I cannot control their utterances or the policies of their papers. It is both unjust and unreasonable to attempt to saddle me with responsibility for what others may say or do. I am entirely willing to answer for what I say or do myself; and if I owned or controlled a newspaper I would be willing to answer for its utterances; but I protest that I cannot be held responsible for the course of others who are as free to act independently as I am.

As organically wise, the *Republic*, as the organ of the gold standard forces, maligns and villifies me. It tortures its powers of invention to find something to say against me which it imagines may do me harm. or which it thinks may result in setting the free coinage men at each others' throats. Its specific charges—that I am ambitions; that I want to be boss; that I want to knife Vest, Bland and others; that I hold secret caucuses to concoct dangerous schemes; that I commuted the sentence, of a criminal to promote the ambitions of a friend, etc.—are so absurd and contemptible that I am reluctant to notice them in detail. Life is too short for that. All I now desire to do is to call the attention of Missouri Democrats to the fact that I am being hounded for a service I seek to perform under their appointment and in obedience to their direction. With this fresh in their minds I am content to leave the issue.

In conclusion I want to say that during the two and a half years this coinage controversy has been the paramount issue in our party politics, although I have taken a more or less active part in the discussions, I challenge the *Republic*, until it began these attacks, to quote a single offensive expression from me about any person or paper, and even under these attacks I have said but little. On the contrary, I have strenuously avoided personalities. I have on several occasions publicly appealed to Democrats to eliminate acrimonious personal con-

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W. D. VAUGHAN, Keytesville, Mo.

By virtue and authority of an order of foreclosure under a school fund mortgage issued from the office of the clerk of the county court of Charlotte, Missouri, and returnable at the May term, 1906, of said court, I have taken in favor of the county school fund of said county and against Fred Schulte, I have levied and sold all the right, title, interest and claim of the said Fred Schulte, of, in and to the following described real estate:

The west half (1-2) of the north east quarter (1-4) of section ten (10) township fifty-four (54) range eighteen (18) containing 40 acres, more or less, and the right of being in said county and the state of Missouri, and I will, on

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the court house, in the city of Keytesville, county of Charlton, aforesaid, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, (subject to all prior liens or judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

JAMES E. DEMPSEY,
Sheriff of County of Charlton.

By virtue and authority of a general execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Chariton County, Missouri, to wit: William L. Apple, Term, 1880, of said County, I, the undersigned, Sheriff of said County, and me the Clerk, in favor of Nicholas Shepherd and Company and against William L. Green. I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and claim of said William L. Green, of, in and to the following described real estate, to wit: 80 acres the west half (1-2) of the northwest quarter (1-4) of Section Thirty-two (32) Township Fifty-six (56) range seventeen (17) North and East of the 10th Principal Meridian. All lying and being in said County, and

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and 5 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the courthouse, in the City of Keytesville, County of Chariton, aforesaid, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, (subject to all prior liens or judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the Keytesville Village School district, Charlton county, state of Missouri, that a special election for the purpose of electing a school board will be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of April 1896, commencing at 7 o'clock a. m. and continuing until 5 p. m. on that day. The place of voting at said election will be at the office of the mayor of the city of Keytesville. Among other things specified in the following will be proposed and considered:

The board of directors for said school district has determined that it is proposed that it will be necessary for the purpose of continuing the public school in said district for the year 1896-7, to increase the present annual rate of taxation forty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the taxable property in said district. Thereby increasing the present rate of taxation from 10 cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, to and elect two directors to serve as members of the board of directors of said district for a term of three years and until their successors are elected and qualified.

GEO. W. ALLOTT, Secretary.

This 16th day of March 1896.

Whereas, John G. Johnson, and Mary F. Johnson, his wife, of Salisbury, Charleston County, Mississippi, by their last will and testament, made on the 15th day of September, 1882, and recorded in the Recorder's office of said County, Mississippi, at Page 62 and following, conveyed to the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, as trustee, all that certain lot of land situated in Salisbury, Charleston County, Missouri, known and described as follows; to-wit: A certain lot of land, numbered (4) in the City of Salisbury, Charleston County. And, whereas, the said Company, as trustee, has made the payment of a certain note in said deed of trust described and the performance of covenants and conditions therein contained has been made in the payment of said note and the performance of said covenants and conditions therein contained, and the said Company, named as Trustee in said conveyance, has declined to act in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust, and assigned, Sheriff of the County of Charleston became successor to the said Company, as trustee, and the undersigned, at the request of the legal holder of said note

(5) p. m. of that day, at the front door of the Post-Office in the City of Salisbury, Chariton County and State of Missouri, proceed to sell the property hereinbefore described at public vendue to the highest bidder for cash, for the purposes of said tract.

JAMES E. DENTSEY,
Sheriff of Chariton County, Missouri.

Mr. Smith—"You ought to be ashamed to have so much of anything these hard times."—*Chicago Record.*

Whereas, William P. Bradley, a single man, by his certain deed of gift, dated 19th, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office at Keytesville, Charlton County, Mo., did give and convey unto the undersigned Trustee the following described real estate situate in the County of Charlton, State of Missouri, to-wit: The north-west quarter (1-4) of section thirty-three (33), township thirty-five (35), range thirty-four (34), and south-west quarter (1-4) of section thirty-nine (39), township thirty-five (35), range thirty-four (34), on the east side of the north-east quarter, (1-4) of section thirty-six, (36), township thirty-five (35), range thirty-four (34); however, to secure the payment of a certain promissory note and the interest thereon, and to secure the payment of the principal of said note and deed of trust that if default be made in the payment of either principal or interest on or before the date when same became due and payable then the whole shall become due and payable and the principal and interest thereon shall be payable on the 19th day of Oct. 1896, and payable made therein, by reason whereof the undersigned Trustee and his heirs, assigns and assigns should and lawfully may receive and due and payable and now remains unpaid, now, therefore, I, the undersigned Trustee of the County of Charlton, State of Missouri, of the authority therein contained and at the request of the undersigned Trustee, will in accordance with the terms and conditions of said deed of trust, proceed to sell at public auction, to-wit: On the 19th of the highest bidder at the East front door of the County Court House in Keytesville,

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, all the above described property or so much thereof as may be necessary for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness and the costs of executing this trust.

M. C. DeJarnett, plaintiff, against John Miller and G. W. Beard, defendants.
In the Circuit Court of Chariton county, Missouri, at Keytesville.
By virtue and authority of a decree and order of sale made by said Court, in the above entitled cause, and of a certified copy thereof, dated March 17th, 1896, I will, on

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the East front door of the Court-House, in the City of Keytesville, in Chariton County, Missouri, sell, at public vendue, to the highest bidder, the following described Real Estate, viz: 83 acres, being all that part of the north-west quarter of section fifteen, (15), township fifty-three,

By virtue and authority of a Transcript Execution issued from the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the State of Missouri, returnable at the April term, 1906, of said Court, and to me directed in favor of Harry K. West, assignee of the McCormick Sewing Machine Company, and against James Holt, I have levied upon and seized all the right, title, interest and claim of the said James Holt of, in and to the following described real estate, to-wit: 80 acres the north half, S², T² R², the northwest quarter, Sec. 36, T² R², S², in Township 2 North, Range 2 West, County of Lincoln, State of Missouri; to-wit: Section 36, Township 2 North, Range 2 West, County of Lincoln, State of Missouri, and I will, on

between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the east front door of the Court-house, in the City of Keytesville, County of Charlton, aforesaid, sell the same, or so much thereof as may be required, at public vendue to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, (subject to all prior liens or judgments), to satisfy said execution and costs.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration, with will annexed, on the estate of Wm. H. Hurt deceased, have been granted, on the Probate court of Hamilton county, bearing date March 14th, 1890. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance within one year from the date of said letters, or they may be forever barred from any benefits of said estate, and if such claims are not presented within two years they shall be

Creditors and all others interested in the estate of said dec'd, are hereby notified that at the regular term of the Charleston County Probate court, to be begun and held on the 2nd Monday in May, 1886, at the court-house, in Keytesville, in said county, I shall make final settlement of said estate.

S. P. LEE, Administrator.